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SUBJECT: FRANCOPHONE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SUMMIT MEETING; PARIS,
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1. GUINEA-BISSAU WILL ATTEND SUBJECT CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER (IN
STATUS OF "SEMI-FRANCOPHONE COUNTRY" ACCORDING TO FRENCH CHARGE).
GOGB OBSERVER TO FOREIGN MINISTER MEETING WILL BE MINFONAFF
SECRETARY GENERAL ALEXANDRE NUNES CORREIA. HE WILL BE JOINED BY
MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, VASCO CABRAL, FOR
THE SUMMIT MEETING.

2. AS OBSERVERS, GOGB WILL NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS.
HOWEVER, IN CORRIDOR AND PRIVATE MEETINGS THEIR INTERESTS WILL
REVOLVE AROUND (A) GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ECOWAS AND WEST AFRICAN
REGIONALISM, (B) SETTLEMENT OF SEA FRONTIER DISPUTES WITH SENEGAL
AND GUINEA-CONAKRY WHICH DATE FROM COLONIAL DAYS AND, (C) FRENCH
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. (GOGB REPS WILL REMAIN PARIS AFTER
SUMMIT MEETING FOR REGULAR SESSION OF FRENCH-GOGB MIXED
COMMISSION.)

3. WE ASSUME CAPE VERDE WILL PARTICIPATE AT APPROXIMATELY
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SAME LEVEL AND WITH ROUGHLY SAME INTERESTS BUT WE ARE
UNABLE TO CONFIRM GIVEN LIMITATIONS ON COMMUNICATIONS
FACILITIES.
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